
PETITION.

To the Honourable Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members of the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled:—

GENTLEMEN.—We, the undersigned land-owners holding property within the Sumas Dyking District, humbly pray your Honourable Body to have our names struck from the present assessment list, as we deem the assessment now called for, in so far as we are concerned, both illegal and unjust, for the following reasons:—

That we have had no voice in the appointment of the Commissioners and that we have never assented to their appointment, neither have we ever pronounced in favour of the scheme, and that the money expended by the Commissioners for preliminary expenses, and for which our lands are assessed, was borrowed without our knowledge or consent, and that we claim exemption under the last clause of section 37 of the “Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation Act, 1894,” under which Act we are assessed.

And further, that we consider that the expenses now incurred were uncalled for as enough had been previously done to have shown that the taxation required to have done the work in a proper manner would have been more than the property concerned would have been able to bear.

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J. C. Robertson,
M. Hitton,
Rose A. Lickman,
Robt. H. Stevenson,
A. D. Clark,
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Walter Haynes,
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Sumas, December 23rd, 1898.

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